



IVIG Demonstration: Payment Update for 2018

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for suppliers billing Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) services provided to Medicare beneficiaries under the IVIG Demonstration.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10343 specifies the payment rate for 2018 and allows for continued payments from October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017, at the current 2017 payment rate. The original demonstration end date was September 30, 2017. The IVIG demonstration was extended by law through December 31, 2020.

- The payment rate for Q2052: "Services, Supplies and Accessories Used in the Home under the Medicare IVIG Demonstration" for October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 shall be \$354.60. This same rate was paid for services rendered January 1, 2017 - September 31, 2017.
- The payment rate for services rendered January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018, shall be \$358.50.

Be sure your billing staff is aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

The "Medicare Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) Access and Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2012" authorizes a 3-year demonstration under Part B of Title XVIII

of the Social Security Act to evaluate the benefits of providing payment for items and services needed for the in-home administration of IVIG for the treatment of Primary Immunodeficiency Disease (PIDD).

In accordance with the original legislation, the demonstration was scheduled to end on September 30, 2017 and CR 9746 specified that claims for services after that date should not be paid. However, on September 28, 2017, Congress passed the Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017. Title III, section 302 of this legislation extended the IVIG demonstration through December 31, 2020. CR 10343 authorizes the continued payment of claims for the remainder of 2017 at the current payment rate and specifies a new payment rate for services rendered in 2018.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10343, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R186DEMO.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

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